



ANZ BANKING GROUP RETIRED OFFICERS' CLUB (N.S.W.)

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Welcome to our April 2023
NEWSLETTER

ANZAC DAY 2023.
AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN & IN THE MORNING
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.



CLUB UPDATE

BI-MONTHLY LUNCHEON APRIL 17 THE BOUTIQUE HOTEL CITY.

President Noel chaired his first Bi-Monthly for 2023 and welcomed a great attendance of 46 members. Noel said he was proud to be President for 2023 and he and the Club Committee would be working for benefits of members in 2023.

Noel then welcomed our newest member Anthony Long, who has just joined the Club.

Anthony had a 37-year career in ANZ, so a big welcome to Anthony.

Noel also mentioned a few members who we had not seen for a while or had attended for the first time in 2023.

Glen Fitzpatrick, Keith Long, David Luschwitz, Ann & Alex Morgan.

Apologies were Received from following members.

Ken Byatt, Mike Cunneen, Angelo Briganti, Terry Auld, Col Bartrim, Reg Smeaton, Boris & Jenni Cebokli, Laurie Sainsbury, John Le Gras, Ron Welsh, Tony Carter, Bob Janson, Tim Barker, Keith Morrin.

Betty & Geoff Brown, Alan Single.

Bereavements since last luncheon In February (AGM)

Sadly, the following ANZ retired officers and honorary club members have passed away in the last two months.
Honorary members.

- Ed Collins of Port Macquarie
- Neil Murray of Cootamundra.
- ONE MINUTE'S SILENCE IN MEMORY OF THESE RETIRED ANZ OFFICERS WAS OBSERVED.

FORMALITIES FOLLOWING LUNCH.

BIRTHDAYS.

• MARCH & APRIL

To all members who celebrated a Birthday in March or are celebrating a birthday in April - Big **Happy Birthday wishes from all members.**

March & April Attendees who were present at luncheon.

Chris Wheeler, Ian Jarratt, Doug Richardson, John Turnbull, Alistair Johnston, Jan Douglas, Bill Patrick, Anthony Long, Charles White.

• FINANCIAL REPORT.

As treasurer Keith was an apology for the luncheon, Secretary Graeme provided members with a resume of club account information from 1/01/23 to date i.e., commencing balance, income, expenditure & balance at date.

• WELFARE.

President Noel then thanked our Welfare Officer Ron & Phil, who have maintained contact with members > 80 and send them birthday cards in the month of their birthdays.

They also follow up with members when advised on welfare & health issues.

Honorary Member Ian Jarratt then provided update of following Hon members.

Allen Burridge.

Allen is restricted in his movements having to rely on a wheeler to get around and it looks like he will become a permanent resident of the Nursing home at Brookvale.

He said to pass on his best wishes to the members.

Owen Haynes.

Owen now resides at Harrington, keeps active with golf although was currently unable to play golf due to a leg injury. He is in his mid 80's and is living in his home at Harrington.

He wished to be remembered to the members who he worked with during his time in the Bank.

President Noel encouraged members to advise any known health issues of other members to our Club Secretary, who will pass that information on to the respective Welfare Officers.

• OTHER FUNCTIONS/TOURS /LUNCH.

President informed members present that we are looking at arranging Tour/Lunch outside normal Bi-Monthly luncheons and we will keep members informed in coming NL's.

FURTHER BUSINESS.

Boutique Bi-Monthly Luncheons.

President Noel then informed members present, that from our next bi-monthly metro luncheon at the Boutique, will be on 19th June 2023.

As we have previously advised, a nominal charge of \$ 20ph for attending members, will apply towards the increased costs of the meal advised by the venue.

A big thanks to most members who prepaid online in advance for today's luncheon. This greatly assisted taking pressure off committee members at the door who were previously required to handle a large amount of cash.

Please continue to do this whenever possible for future luncheons.

For members who do not have internet banking, yes you can pay at the door on day of luncheon.

It would greatly assist if you could pay with a \$20 note on the day.

This is a small amount and still represents a substantial contribution by the club for meal costs at the venue.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

No member raised any general business.

LUCKY DOOR PRIZES. 5 BOTTLES WINE.

President Noel, then with assistance of honorary member and birthday lady Jan Douglas, drew the winners of the five bottles of wine.

Congratulations to the winners.

See you at the next Bi-Monthly luncheon on the 19 June.

Close of Luncheon at 1.50pm

BEREAVEMENTS.

HONORARY MEMBER DON DAVIS.

We have only just been informed by a former neighbour Pastor Nash, that sadly our Honorary member Don Davis had passed away in 2021 aged 92 years.

We had lost contact with Don as his details on our data base were not correct, and it has been revealed he moved to a Retirement Village in another town a few years ago, but the Club had never been informed of this nor his new address by his family nor had Pastor Nash.

Sincere condolences to Don's family.

RIP Don.



MARGARET M NOBLE FORMER ES & A/ANZ OFFICER.

The family of Margaret, specifically her son David, have informed the Club that their mother passed away on 10 July 2022 aged 94 years.

Margaret was an ES & A and then ANZ Officer and was also a member of ANZROC Ladies Club that existed at the time.

David has provided the following comments on behalf of the family.

Dear Graeme

I understand that you are the Secretary of the ANZ Banking Group Retired Officers' Club (NSW).

It is with great sadness that I inform you that my beloved Mother, Margaret Noble passed away on 10 July 2022. She was 94 years and 5 months young. I sincerely apologise for the very long delay in letting you know. I have been struggling with my own health issues and with the terrible medical care Mum received in recent years. Mum's health deteriorated significantly in 2019 when a dentist gave her inappropriate medicine that she did not need.

Mum and Dad (William Noble) met whilst working in the 1940's at the then ES&A Bank at Murwillumbah, later to become ANZ. One of Mum's old photographs was of her, and other bank staff taken in the 1940's (copy attached. Margaret is front row, far left). As recently as last year, Mum still remembered the names of her ten colleagues. I have also attached a photograph of Mum on holidays at Yarrowonga in 2015. After moving to Sydney in the 1950's, Mum worked at the Broadway branch.

I fondly remember accompanying Mum on numerous ANZ retired bank lady functions including lunches at the Sydney Rowing Club, watching musicals such as Phantom of the Opera, travelling on The Cockatoo Run train trip. Mum loved catching up with the other retired bank ladies.

Sadly, for Mum and Dad and my younger sister Gwen and I, our older sister Janice died on a school trip to New Zealand in 1974. She was one month short of eighteen. Mum told me in recent years that a former bank colleague (from Murwillumbah I believe) attended Janice's funeral. It meant a lot to Mum and Dad.

I have enclosed a cheque for a \$150 donation to the retired bank ladies account, if one exists, otherwise to ANZROC (NSW).

Sincere condolences to all Margarets family on behalf of Club members.

RIP Margaret.



David thank you very much for your cheque for \$150.00 which we will record in our records as a donation by your family on behalf of Margaret. Donation is greatly appreciated.



MARGARET NOBLE



**OLD BANK STAFF PHOTO FROM 1940'S
MARGARET FRONT ROW FAR LEFT.**

NEW MEMBERS.

ANTHONY RICHARD LONG

We were pleased to welcome a new member (Anthony Long) to ANZROC(NSW) in April 2023. Committee member Tony Schembri approached Anthony recently and encouraged him to join. Anthony advised that he had been thinking about joining since his job with ANZ was made redundant in 2008. Anthony enjoyed a 37-year career with ANZ between 1971 and 2008. Anthony was asked to provide a brief resume of his career with ANZ, which is listed below –

31/12/1971: Joined ANZ Bank in Wagga Wagga and asked for a transfer to Sydney the day I started; this didn't go over very well.
1972: ANZ Balmain, Batching Clerk and Teller. (I remember serving Doug Walters, my cricket hero, he was smoking a cigarette).
1973: ANZ Epping, Teller. (Friday nights drinks were so much fun).
1974: ANZ Balmain, Teller. (I remember the monthly cheque book count and 31 May savings account interest calculations).
1975: ANZ Data Processing. Worked at North Sydney and City Proof Departments, then 12 months in Proof Accounting. (I had so much fun working there and made some great friends).
1982: ANZ Port Moresby, Supervisor of Tellers. (You wouldn't believe some of the things I saw, it's two years I will never forget).
1984: Relief staff, ANZ Northern Beaches.
1990: Branch Manager, ANZ Newport.
1991: Financial Planner on the Northern Beaches.
2000: Risk Writer, then Risk Coach for the Northern Sydney and Northern NSW Financial Planners.
2008: (December) Retrenched.

Anthony Long.

NEW MEMBER.

JOAN RYAN

Joan Ryan is married to Honorary member Noel Ryan and has attended Club luncheons with Noel.

Joan was encouraged to join ANZROC(NSW) as she was also a retired ANZ Staff member.

Joan is well known to President Noel who said: -

I have known Noel and Joan for a "million years" and am very happy to support her application. Joan, I think she and Noel started to get together through ANZStaff Club activities. Joan was a prominent member of the ANZ women's basketball team for several years (I even coached the team for couple of years), She was also a leading member of the ANZ swimming club and of our team in the inter-Bank swimming carnivals for several years (there was a photo recently of some of the members thereof and Joan was in that).

So, in my opinion Joan is very well qualified to join, she had not applied to join as she thought that she was not qualified.

Noel B

Joan you are most welcomed as a member of ANZROC(NSW)

NEW MEMBER.

CORAL ALLAN

Coral had a 27-year career with ANZ, from joining in 1984 to retiring in December 2011. She is a Wagga new member through the efforts of coordinator Kevin Cameron. Coral attended a luncheon in March 2023, and hopefully will be a regular attendee at future ones.

Coral also a big welcome to ANZROC (NSW)

BIT OF HUMOUR TO BREAK UP THE NEWS.

- What's the difference between an investment banker and a pig?
- The pig doesn't turn into an investment banker when it's drunk.



MAY 2023 BIRTHDAYS

TO ALL MEMBERS WHO ARE CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY IN MAY 2023.

BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM ALL CLUB MEMBERS.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Bruce	AANENSEN	17th
Trevor	AULD	11th
John	CLARK	11th
Karen	CLARKE	4th
Tony	DALTON	8th
Bob	DYER	1st
Rod	GALLAGHER	3rd
Mick	HOWARD	23rd
Peter	HULME-JONES	18th
Greg	LANCE	4th
Bob	LE BROCCQ	31st
Constantine (Con)	LUCAS	4th
Robyn	MACDONALD	25th
Elizabeth	MACHADO	20th
Terry	MAGUIRE	20th
Peter	MAYBON	17th
Helen	MAZAR	8th

Phil	MINETT	26th
Ann	MORGAN	1st
Clive	NEUTZE	6th
Phil	NEWSOME	15th
Jenny	OSMOND	10th
Ann	PEREIRA	4th
Jim	ROGERSON	17th
Kerry	ROSSER	30th
Maree	SHANNON	8th
Lorraine	SKETCH	6th
Greg	THORNE	13th
Paul	TOOHEY	25th
Denis	WILLIAMS	7th
Steve	WILTON	16th
David	WRIGHT	14th
Eric	YACOEL	6th
Sebastian	ZAMMIT	30th

THE HONS

Frank	BLINMAN	16th
Betty	BROWN	14th
Noel	COOK	20th
Peter	DOUGLASS	26th
Ron	FREEMAN	4th
Betty	GEMMELL	11th
Geoff	GILL	8th
Ron	HARGRAVE	22nd
Col	JEFFERIES	9th
John	LE GRAS	8th
Jenny	LENNOX	2nd
Peter	MABER	30th

Mal	MATTHEW	16th
Neville	McKINNON	21st
Pixie	McPAUL	23rd
Morrie	MILES	27th
Alan	SINGLE	18th
Wilhelmina	SMITH	18th
Terry	STAPLETON	20th
Alasdair	STEEL	17th
Evan	SUMMERSON	23rd
Ken	WHITE	3rd
John	WIDERBERG	25th

The new Hons for this month are Jenny Lennox, Pixie McPaul and John Widerberg. Welcome to you all.



BETTY GEMMELL



OUR OLDEST AND DEARLY BELOVED MEMBER BETTY GEMMELL TURNS AN AMAZING 106 ON 11 MAY.

YES ALL 106 YEARS YOUNG.

BETTY YOU ARE A LIVING LEGEND AND WE WISH YOU ALL THE BEST FOR THIS MAGNIFICANT OCCASION, PLEASE ENJOY YOUR BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS WITH YOUR FAMILY ON THE DAY.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES FROM ALL CLUB MEMBERS.

A LOCAL NEWSPAPER IN MOSMAN HAS RUN A DETAILED ARTICLE ON BETTY WITH STORIES AND PICTURES.

THE LINK TO THE ARTICLE IS ATTACHED BELOW. MEMBERS PLEASE CLICK ON LINK BELOW AND READ THIS BEAUTIFUL ARTICLE ON BETTY

https://www.mosmancollective.com/mosman-resident-betty-gemmell-turns-106-i-feel-lucky-to-have-lived-this-long/?utm_source=Mosman+Collective+-+Weekly+Newsletter+Sign+Ups



OUR BELOVED BETTY

NOSTALGIA.

Tony Hardman has sent in the following picture and comments.

Hello Graeme,

Thanks for the Newsletter.

Have attached a pic of the Staff at Cowra Branch back in the day. It was taken on the 10th of February 1966. New notes in the foreground.

L-R Doug Cocks Accountant/Teller. Now resident of Griffith NSW. In good health. Wife Del is unwell but comfortable.

Tony Hardman Ledger Operator/Teller transferred to Ulladulla to open New Branch in 1982. Branch closed recently. Both wife Marcia and I are well.

Robin Pearce (nee Faulkner) Ledger Keeper General Hand in good health, great grandmother, and has lived all her life in Cowra. Husband John living in Weerona Retirement Village suffering degenerative lung disease. Is still mobile to some degree.

Bruce Andrew (dec') Branch Manager. Came across Bruce again at Port Macquarie, His daughter Trish resided there.

Will send you a few lines on Neil Murray.

Thanks

Tony Hardman



WELFARE REPORTS.

PHIL COHEN.

Quick calls to some of the HONS who have birthdays scheduled in May 2023

Jenny Lennox

Welcome to the HONS in May 2023

Unsuccessful speaking with Jenny so left a message after 3 attempts.

Pixie McPaul

Welcome to the HONS in May 2023.

Unsuccessful in speaking with Pixie so left a message after 3 attempts.

John Widerberg

Welcome to the HONS in May 2023

Health good. Travels a lot. Involved with House Minding Group looking after people's home when absent for long terms. Also, a member of Mentors for Men support group helping men with mental issues.

Betty Brown

Health good. Plays tennis once a week and has gym classes 3 times a week. Attends Probus social functions and local walking group plus social functions.

Geoff Gill

Health Good. Still volunteers for past 21years looking after Admin at his local Parish in Byron Bay. Has family nearby.

Ron Hargraves

Health improving after being in and out of hospital over the past 3 months with a back problem then Covid and Pneumonia. Starting to walk again and is still able to drive.

Mal Matthews

Health wise keeping fit. Recently, accidentally took a dive from the top of their stairs about 11.00pm and wife Glenda didn't discover him laying at the bottom of the stairs until 7.00am in the morning. Mal, that's not the way to see if you can fly. Just one day in hospital as a precaution. No damage. Presently undertaking a renovation of their bathroom.

Alan Single

Health all good. Exercises regularly. Enjoys Travelling.

Wilhelmina Smith

Spoke with Wilhelmina. All good with her and Barry.

Alastair Steel

Health, good now after spending 3 months in hospital following heart surgery. Can do things now that he couldn't do previously. Needs to follow regular exercises.

Evan Summerson

Health good. Plays golf twice weekly.

RON MILLER.

Bob Boys.

I had a nice chat with Bob Boys and he and Eileen seem to be going reasonably well.

I am yet to speak to Wendy Keys and Aub Walker and I will cover them in the May 2023 report.

Any member who becomes aware of health position with a Club member, please pass on details to Club Secretary Graeme, (contact details at top of NL) and he will then forward to either Welfare Officers Ron or Phil for contact and follow up.

UPCOMING FUNCTIONS DATES



SYDNEY

OUR THIRD BI-MONTHLY LUNCHEON FOR 2023

WILL BE AT THE BOUTIQUE HOTEL

CASTLEREAGH ST (AROUND THE CNR FROM ANZ TOWER)

MONDAY 19th JUNE 2023.

FULL DETAILS & BOOKING REQUIREMENTS ON LAST PAGE THIS NL.

NEWCASTLE

Members, wives, partners, visitors, and former bank contacts are invited to attend the first Newcastle luncheon for 2023.

Date:	Thursday 11 May 2023
Venue:	Cardiff RSL Cnr Macquarie and Munibung Roads CARDIFF
Time:	11.45am to 2pm
Meal:	The meal will be from the Eastern Tiger Restaurant, which will be a buffet style Asian and Australian inspired dishes including carvery, pasta, salads, sides, and deserts.
Cost:	Due to the generous financial support from ANZROC(NSW) each attendee will receive a free meal and 2 drink vouchers
RSVP:	By Thursday 4 May 2023 to Geoff Boyton Phone or Message 0414 709 760 or email gboytonfsa@yahoo.com.au

As always, we look forward to welcoming visitors from Sydney, the Central Coast and further afield and we will meet the train that arrives at Cardiff station at 11.35am for transport to the club.

COMPLETED FUNCTIONS.

Completed Country Luncheon.

Co-Ordinator Kevin Cameron commented on the 1st Wagga luncheon for 2023 held at Wagga Wagga RSL Club on 1st April.

Good afternoon, Graeme.

We had a very enjoyable gathering on April 1 however numbers were down with only 6 members and 7 apologies due to medical and other commitments.

We had a new member Coral Allan join us which was great however on the downside we have lost Neil Murray RIP who with wife Marie was a regular at our lunches.

Chris Hardy, his wife Gwenda and I attended Neil's funeral service which was a fitting farewell for a great husband, father to family of eight, banker and citizen. Some 300 attended the service.

We have set August 12 and December 9 at RSL at 11.30 for our other 2023 lunches.

Kind Regards

Kevin

Correspondence/emails & letters received from members.



On Neil Murray.

Arthur Crittenden wrote: -

I had the pleasure on more than one occasion of meeting up with Neil Murray since we had almost identical careers. A friendly and competent bank officer always, he will be missed by many.
Vale friend Neil.

Arthur Crittenden.

Phil Newsome wrote: -

Sorry to hear of the passing of Neil Murray, a gentleman, and a fine Banker. Back in the late 1980s, the Bank had rural service bureaux in New England. At the time I was in the Bureau in Tamworth and Neil ran the bureau in Inverell. We became firm friends before he retired early and returned to Cootamundra, where he was once the Branch Manager. Vale Neil Murray, the world is poorer for your passing.

Phil Newsome.

Ian Urquhart wrote: -

I joined in 56 and it was are you union or Asia, snarl it was priceless to see.
Sorry to see the old school pass.

Ian.

Paul Crowe wrote: -

Sad, I knew Neil.
He was my Accountant in Cronulla when I joined the Bank as a 16-year-old.

RIP Neil.

Ian Auld wrote: -

This came as a shock, as I only had a long discussion with Neil two weeks ago. We both went to High school at Coonabarabran. I joined The Union Bank on 15/02/1949 and Neil joined when I was transferred to Sydney. The end of a long friendship. Vale old mate.

Ian Auld.

Paul Jacka wrote: -

Sad news. Neil was Teller/General at South Wagga when I joined February 1958. Alan O'Dell was Manager. Neil was a great bloke and showed me the way. He had a sense of humour and had perfect handwriting. In those days the General Ledger etc. was completed by hand.
Vale Neil.

Paul Jacka

Tony Hardman wrote: -

I (Acct./Teller) worked with Neil (Manager) at Canowindra in the late seventies. He was a good boss, and we were both involved in several Community Groups. He was well liked by staff and the community at large. I was transferred to Wee Waa in the late sixties. We trained a lot of New Entrants at Canowindra.

Neil was a typical Country Branch Manager and knew the expectations of the Bank and the sometimes the demanding expectations of the Community.

Met up with Neil later in life when Neil had retired to Cootamundra.

Have attached a recent pic of Neil, his wife Marie and Grandson Malachi, a Cootamundra

Bulldog. Long live Neil.

TONY HARDMAN



Kevin Cameron wrote: -

My first contact with Neil was in 1979 when he was manager Cootamundra, and I was manager Tumut. Later in Jan 1989, Neil, and myself along with other Branch managers from each district won an all-expenses paid trip to the America Cup raced off Fremantle.

The trip included a day out on the water on a catamaran following a heat of the races, a day in a box at a WACA for a test match, a flight over Freemantle and Perth as the highlights of a trip in a lifetime.

This was a great opportunity to get to know Neil and appreciate his qualities.

I next caught up with Neil and Marie, when Jannette and myself moved to Wagga in 2012 and started the Wagga group of ANZROC. Neil and Marie were very regular attendees at our 3 lunches per year and were very supportive of other members. We will all miss and remember him. RIP Neil.

Neil joined the Union Bank of Australia in February 1950 and worked at city and suburban branches and about 10 Country branches climbing the ladder to manage 5 branches before retiring in 1989 to Cootamundra where he and

Marie were very active in Church and Community life as evidenced by the number (about 300) who attended a very tribute to a great man. I was fortunate to be able to visit Neil and Marie 5 days prior to his death and Chris and Gwenda Hardy and myself represented ANZROC at his funeral service. Condolences to Marie and their 4 sons 2 daughters and partners and their 22 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. One son predeceased Neil.

Kevin Cameron.



To all our Hon's who are celebrating a birthday in May 23

RESPONSES RECEIVED FROM HON MEMBERS GENERAL OR WHO HAD BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL & RECEIVED BIRTHDAY CARD WISHES FROM THE CLUB.

Barry Macarthur.

On behalf of Barry, I would like to thank you for the Birthday Card for his 83rd birthday.

He appreciated it. Many thanks

Barry has a few health issues, but other than that is doing very well.

The photo was just taken, and you can see he still has a good crop of hair. He is spoilt so I'm sure will go on for many years.

Christine Macarthur (for Barry).



Barry Macarthur 83 Years

Lloyd Guthrey wrote: -

Hi Graeme

I have been meaning to make contact for a long time now - finally got around to it!

First, congratulations and thanks on the fine job you do as Secretary - well done!

Given it is many years since I attended a Club lunch- maybe 10 years or more- I have attached a note which you may - or may not! -consider useful in whole or part for a future newsletter. Over to you!

With best wishes to all
Lloyd.

Lloyd's resume: -

This is a rather belated thank you to Terry, Ron, and the committee for the birthday card I received in November, on the occasion of my 88th birthday.

Jan and I have now lived in Perth for 33 of our 63 years of married life and as a result I have not been able to attend a luncheon for many years. Nevertheless, we enjoy reading the newsletter and hearing of happenings and recalling friendships with other members mentioned therein.

I joined the ES&A in 1950. 26 of my 44 years with the Group were spent in NSW – the remaining 18 years elsewhere. Our move to Melbourne less than a year after the ANZ/ES&A merger was the start. Then came a secondment to the Fiji Government as MD of the Fiji Development Bank for 3 1/2 years, before returning to NSW for just over 5 years - first at South Sydney then Martin Place. Then followed 20 months in Brisbane before being seconded again – this time into the recently acquired Grindlays Bank based in what was then Bombay. Our final transfer was in 1990 – to Perth for 4 1/2 years to take over from Kevin Watson on his retirement.

When I retired in 1994, I was fortunate to become involved with a number of government, commercial and charitable organisations, which kept me fairly active until 7 years ago. Those involvements were the reason we decided to retire here rather than return to NSW.

We are now about to embark on another chapter in our life– downsizing and moving into a nearby retirement village. Thanks again for the good wishes – and our best wishes to all members – particularly those with whom I had the pleasure to work and get to know personally.

Lloyd than you for this interesting resume of your career.

It will certainly stir a few memories for those Members who worked with you in in your ES & A/ ANZ journey over the years.

All the best to you and your wife Jan from Club members.

Peter Willis

Hello Graeme.

Thanks for the Club birthday card. Cards are becoming all too few these days and to receive one is much appreciated.

We were on a round Australia cruise and on my actual birthday, the ship was off the Kimberley coast whilst we enjoyed the heat of the tropics.

We'd called into Darwin a couple of days before, which reminded me of our days thereafter Cyclone Tracey. I was an assistant manager then, responsible for running the Esanda operation.

I'd done my Esanda induction for two years as an FSM (Field Service Manager) in Adelaide having been transferred from international banking. What a culture shock for the Esanda people to have their first interloper from the ANZ side of the Bank!! From memory, in Darwin, we had a staff of seven and were one of the largest business writers after Queen and Creek St in Brisbane.

The old bank building was still there but changed hands many years ago. I'd arrived there in the February when life was still a bit chaotic. (Our original date of transfer was 26 December).

Woolworths was about the only shop/ supermarket operating. My first night was spent on a camp stretcher in the office.

The single staff mess was still non-functional, so staff slept and lived in the office. Esanda's office was on the first floor and was used as a dormitory. Beds had to be out of the office by 8.30 so we could open our doors by 9 am.

In those days the bank didn't open until 10.00 The Bank luckily still had a functional shower and the fire hydrant outside also provided a popular washing spot. Luckily the two lovely local staff cooks from the mess were able to cook in the staff rooms so everyone remained well fed.

All the Bank owned houses had been blown away, as had the store and its contents where old cheques and obsolete documents were kept.

Never was there a better excuse for a couple of years for not being able to find missing items.

Darwin looks a very prosperous place these days and would be most enjoyable for people who enjoy the tropics. They also have abundant foliage on all their trees. When we went there was not a tree in sight – all blown away.

I really enjoy reading the newsletter each month. It is a wonderful means of keeping in touch with the news of old colleagues.

Thanks very much for the work you and the committee do.

Kind regards, Peter Willis.

Members that is our April NL, please enjoy the read and stay safe & well.

ANZ Banking Group Retired Officers' Club (NSW)

ANZROC(NSW) CLUB MEMBERS.



**BOUTIQUE HOTEL CASTLEREAGH
ST CITY**



CELLOS ROOM 4TH FLOOR.

THE CLUB'S 3rd BI-MONTHLY LUNCHEON FOR 2023 WILL HELD AT THE BOUTIQUE HOTEL CITY WITH DETAILS: -

DATE: MONDAY 19th JUNE 2023
TIME 12 NOON FOR 12.30PM LUNCHEON.
VENUE THE BOUTIQUE HOTEL CASTLEREAGH STREET
AROUND THE CNR FROM ANZ TOWER. CELLOS ROOM 4TH FLOOR.

ENTRY TO THE 4TH FLOOR IS ONLY PERMITTED AFTER 12 NOON SO FOR EARLY ARRIVALS THE BAR ON THE 2ND FLOOR WILL BE OPEN FROM 10.00AM.

AS WAS ADVISED AT AGM & ALSO IN FEBRUARY NL A CHARGE OF \$20PH WILL APPLY TOWARDS MEAL COST AT CLUB LUNCHEONS DUE TO THE INCREASED COST ADVISED BY THE VENUE. BEVERAGES FOR MEMBERS OWN ACCOUNT.

BOOKINGS & PRE PAYMENT \$20PH

CLUB MEMBERS YOU MUST PRE BOOK AND PAY IN ADVANCE.

➤ **BOOKINGS FOR THIS LUNCHEON BOOKINGS ARE TO BE MADE VIA: -**

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT
TERRY AULD
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CLUB SECRETARY
GRAEME BOOL.
EMAIL: graemebool@outlook.com
MOBILE: 0427-125-327

IF YOU RING ON MOBILES & IT IS UNANSWERED, PLEASE LEAVE MESSAGE.
CUT OFF DATE FOR BOOKINGS IS 14 JUNE AS WE NEED TO INFORM BOUTIQUE OF FINAL NO'S BY THAT DATE.

PREPAYMENT \$20PH TOWARDS MEAL COSTS.

WE ENCOURAGE MEMBERS TO PRE-PAY IN ADVANCE WHEN BOOKING AS ABOVE BY DIRECT CREDITING CLUB'S BANK ACCOUNT AS FOLLOWS: -

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE INTERNET BANKING & NEED TO PAY AT THE DOOR ON THE DAY IT WOULD GREATLY ASSIST IF YOU COULD PAY WITH A \$20 NOTE OR 2 \$10 NOTES. AS WE DO NOT HAVE A FLOAT MANY THANKS.

BANK: - ANZ.
BSB 012-006
ACCOUNT NO 0089-06464

IN EFT REMITTANCE PLEASE ADD YOUR NAME & MESSAGE AS LUNCHEON 19 JUNE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO A BIG ATTENDANCE AT OUR JUNE BI-MONTHLY LUNCHEON & SEEING THOSE WHO CAN ATTEND ON 19TH JUNE. 2023.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE WHO HAVE A BIRTHDAY IN MAY OR JUNE 23 YOUR MEAL COST WILL BE COVERED BY THE CLUB.